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Ricardo is an extraordinary character, and has packed into his ~~still short life~~ enough excitement to last him, I should think, indefinitely. He has been singularly successful in business in Spain, and thinks its economy has only begun to realize its possibilities.

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Tom Finletter arrived today. He is to speak before the Institute of Strategic Studies. We plunged immediately into a discussion of multilateral arrangements that might be entered into consequent upon decisions reached at Nassau. Tom feels that the British are going to be obstructive in carrying out the necessary activities connected with this undertaking. I told him I did not share this opinion. I thought they should not be badgered about it until after the Prime Minister has faced his Parliament at the end of this month. Meanwhile, we should hold our horses.

I went this morning to the opening meeting of the Youth Conference to welcome the participants. They were numerous. It was convoked by Ed Murrow initially

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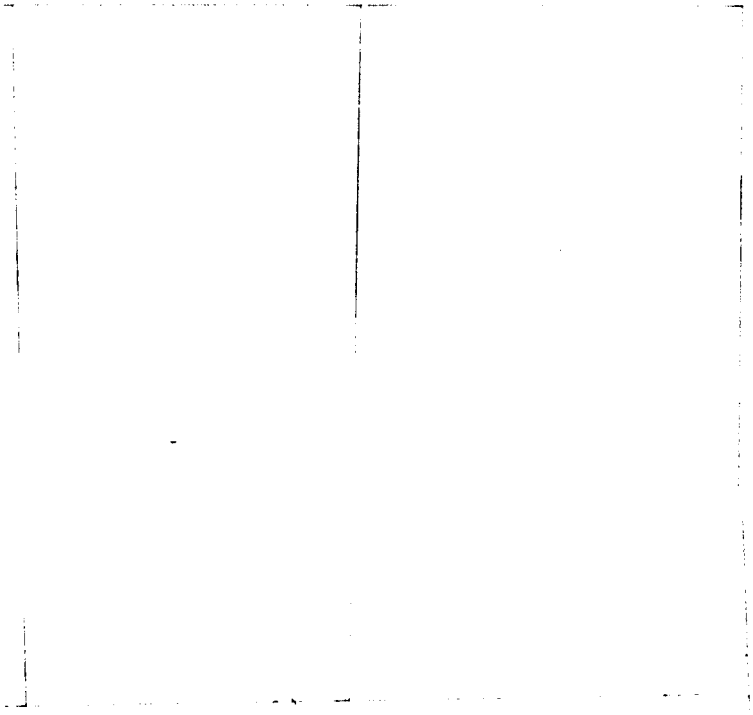
I went to see the Prime Minister, at his invitation, and spent more than an hour with him. I [redacted] thought that perhaps he would be bristling with indignation over the General's utterances. On the contrary, he was calm as a cucumber.



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We talked at considerable length about the ~~Nassau meeting. He believes he~~ will have no trouble in justifying his policy there before the Parliament. He said he would like immediately to arrange the assignment to NATO, in accordance with his Nassau suggestion, of the British bomber force, and an equivalent number of American planes. He would also like to get discussion started within a reasonable time on the multilateral forces which were decided upon at the conference.

He thought it might be useful later in the year, perhaps during the Easter holidays, if he and the President met somewhere and talked together about the

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